

AN UNPLEASANT COUNTRY.

Some of the Objections to Living in North-
ern Borneo.

The northern half of the island of Borneo is the queerest and most unsatisfactory place to live that one can imagine, thinks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is a land of constant recurring phenomena, where cyclones are frequent and deluges of water very common. The vegetation in that half is very fine, but in all probability the wildest and most tangled on earth—not even excepting that of Africa. The cause of all the trouble is the shallow condition of the sea north of it, great shoals of sand existing a few miles off which extend along its entire northern length. These shoals are covered by a depth of water not over five feet deep. The constantly recurring winds that blow in that climate change to hurricanes and sweep the smaller islands of all visible life. When such a storm strikes the sand shoals north of Borneo it sweeps up the shallow salt water in its course and drenches the island with it. Often it gathers up sand, great masses of it, from the clear-swept shoal and whisks it for miles high over the island, carrying it into the island and scattering it everywhere. The work of these storms does not always end with that. Entire shoals of fish, of all sizes, have been swept up time and again by the fierce wind with the water and sand and scattered about Borneo. In some places the ground would be literally covered with fish, enough to supply a heavy population for weeks. But such luck is no reparation for the evil the winds do, and consequently the northern half will never be inhabited by those who value their lives.

A BOY'S PLUCK.

Nine-Year-Old David Captures a Thirty-Two Pound Carp.

An exciting combat between a nine-year-old boy and a thirty-two-pound German carp took place on James Moore's farm, near Bristol, says the Philadelphia Record. The Neshaminy creek in rainy seasons fills the ditches of adjacent farms with water from eighteen inches to two feet deep. The other day David Cherry, the young son of John Cherry, of this place, and two small companions went fishing up the creek. In one of the open ditches on the Moore farm the lads espied three huge carp flopping about, the water being too shallow for them to swim without greatly disturbing the surface. David, pluckier than his playmates, jumped into the ditch and seized the largest of the monster fish. The carp, nearly as big as the boy, had the advantage, being in its native element. Young Cherry had tight hold of it, but the carp plunged through the water and mud, dragging the lad behind. The boys on shore thought their companion would surely be drowned, for often his whole body was under water. At last the fish grew so weary in his mighty efforts to escape his captor that he could be thrown out upon the bank. Then all three boys jumped upon the carp and held him to the ground until he had gasped out his life. They lugged their trophy home and put it on the scales. The fish weighed thirty-two pounds.

DANDIES IN THE ARMY.

German Soldiers Who Bedeck Themselves with Finery.

Referring to the recent order of the German emperor with regard to the dandified irregularities which had become common in the German army, says the London Globe, a correspondent at Berlin calls our attention to the fact that the kaiser himself is not altogether free from affectation of this kind, inasmuch as he himself sets the fashion of "bangle" wearing. In most of the many portraits of the kaiser the bangle is brought into special prominence by the position of the arm. But though addicted to the bangle, he never condescended to the earring, which formerly was very commonly worn among his officers.

In the time of Frederick William II., when the German army was resting on the laurels of the great Frederick, dandies flourished in great numbers among the officers, in spite of severe official condemnations of foppishness. The monstrosities and extravagances differed but slightly from those of to-day—sharp-pointed toes, ridiculously high collars and short overcoats without seams. Latter-day exquisites have also adopted the plan of crowding on the finger as many rings as possible—he who can carry the largest number on the ring fingers and at the same time bend his finger being considered to have the bluest blood.

The Perfect Ear.

In McClure's Magazine Prof. Henry Drummond discusses the question of where man got his ears. Nature, he holds, seldom makes anything new; her method of creation is to adopt something old. So when land animals were determined on, and nature started out to manufacture ears for them, she made them out of old breathing apparatus. She saw, Prof. Drummond contends, that if water could pass through a hole in the neck, such as fishes have, sound could pass likewise, thereupon she brought certain species adapted to her purpose to shore, and set to work upon the five gill-slits and elaborated the whole in a hearing organ. This was not a quick process, but the slow labor of ages, but finally was produced the perfect ear, and man was not created until the work was done.

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